

Intimation.

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Alexandra Buildings.

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BEST WORK
ONLY.CUT, STYLE AND
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GUARANTEED.

Moderate Charges.

NEW DRESS
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Morning, Afternoon,

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All Wool Armures

\$1.25 per yard.

Eoliennes and Voiles

\$1.50 to \$3.00 per yard.

Mohairs and Lustres

\$1.50 to \$2.50 per yard.

Taffeta Beiges

\$1.00 per yard.

Velours Chiffon Voiles

\$1.75 per yard.

Voile a Jour

\$1.25 per yard.

Silk Warp Mohairs

from \$2.00 per yard.

ALL THE LATEST
PRODUCTIONS.WM. POWELL,
LIMITED."Alexandra
Buildings,"

Hongkong, 16th January, 1906.

Intimations.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, 1906, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 20th January, to THURSDAY, the 1st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1906. [108]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, 1906, at 11 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1906. [109]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILD-
ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 4th February, 1906, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 23rd January, to TUESDAY, the 4th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.,
Agents for the
Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1906. [139]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
THE SEVENTY-NINTH ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on THURSDAY, the 15th February, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of Directors and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARVOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1906. [155]

CIGARS.

DUTCH CIGARS,
MIXTURE OF JAVA AND BRAZIL TOBACCO WITH
SUMATRA COVER.
Well-known brands are:-
Mercurio (Cigarettes). Orlando. Carlo Basso.
Flor de Flores. Timosa. Don Alonso.
La Bella Rita. Club. Excelente.

HAMBURG CIGARS
OF BEST BRAZIL TOBACCO.
Roland von Hamburg. Recd. Schlager.
Aristocracia. Flor de Mondego.
Harmonia Docks.
Beat everything of same origin.

VIRGINIA CIGARS.
OF BEST VIRGINIA TOBACCO.
King Edward. Kaiser Wilhelm.

As smoked by
H.M. King Edward and
H.M. Emperor William.

SOLE IMPORTERS:-
LÜTGENS, EINSTAMANN & CO.,
2, Pedder Street, 2.
Third Floor. Please take the Lift.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1905. [60]



Gold Medals PARIS 1889 & 1900

Regd. Brand

HARRIS, CALNE & WILTS, England.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR HONGKONG & CHINA,
HOWARD & CO.,
50, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1905. [63]

Entertainment.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S
SOCIETY.

A SCOTCH CONCERT, to celebrate the Anniversary of the Birth of ROBERT BURNS, will be held in St. George's Hall, City Hall, at 9.15 P.M., TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 27th January, 1906.

Vocalists—Messrs. GORDON and WOOD, and Messrs. ALD, BAXTER, GALLOWAY and LECKIE.
Violinist—Mrs. OUGII.
Male Trio and Part Songs.
Selections by the Band of the 2nd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.

Santa (\$2 each) may be reserved at the Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.
W. ARMSTRONG,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1906. [150]

Auctions.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Hon. the Director of Public Works, to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
TUESDAY,
the 30th January, 1906, at 11 A.M., at the Government Street, Wanchai,
SUNDRY CONDEMNED AND
OBSOLETE STORES,
Comprising—
A large quantity of COLOURED PAINTS,
BRASS TAPS, TILES, IRON STOVES AND
GRATINGS, FENDERS, OLD IRON,
&c., &c.

TERMS—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1906. [156]

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Hon. the Director of Public Works, to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
the 7th and 8th February, 1906, commencing each day at 2.30 P.M. sharp, at "St. Andrew's," Barker Road, The Peak,
THE WHOLE OF THE
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
THEREIN CONTAINED,
Comprising—
MAPLES and MARINBURK'S MANU-
FACTURES, BECHSTEIN PIANO, BEDS,
CURTAINS, CUTLERY, ELECTRO-
PLATE, Small quantity of HOUSE and
TABLE LINEN, CARPETS, MOSQUITO
NETS, FRAMES, GAS FITTINGS,
CHAIRS, JINRICKSHAS, CAMERA COM-
PLETE, One TELESCOPE, ON STAND,
GARDEN HOSE and ROLLER, GARDEN
SEAT, CROQUET and BOWLS (new),
FOWLS, and large Assortment of PALMS,
FERNS, ORCHIDS, and other PLANTS.

The downy Furniture and part of the
Bedroom Furniture and remainder of the
Plants will be sold on Wednesday and the
Plants on Thursday.
On view—Monday and Tuesday, the 5th and
6th February.
Catalogues will be issued.
For further particulars, apply to—
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1906. [160]

VALUABLE SUGAR ESTATES FOR
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE PROPERTY OF WELLESLEY (PENANG)
ESTATES, LIMITED.

By Order of the Trustees for the Debenture
Holders.

MESSRS. KENNEDY & Co. and Messrs.
A. A. ANTHONY & Co. will offer for
sale by Public Auction at The Georgetown
Sales Room, No. 25, Beach Street, Penang, on
WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of February, 1906,
at 11 A.M. precisely, subject to such Conditions
of Sale as shall be read thereat:—
Those well-known and valuable Sugar and
Tapioca Estates, known as PRYE, BATU
KAWAN and ALMA, situate in the Central
and Southern Districts of Province Wellesley,
comprising a total area of about 12,800 acres
held under Government Titulatory Grants,
Government Grants and Government Leases
of which a total of about 6,787 acres are under
cultivation with all the buildings and fixed
machinery and plant appertaining thereto.

THE PRYE ESTATE comprises an area of
about 4,738 acres of which about 693 acres
are cultivated for Sugar, about 296 acres are
planted with Cocoanuts, about 227 acres are
Paddy land, and about 938 acres are Fallow
land. About 66 acres of the Estate are covered
with canals, drains and roads, and the remainder
is jungle land of which about 666 acres are
suitable for cultivation.

THE BATU KAWAN ESTATE comprises an
area of about 5,390 acres of which about
324 acres are cultivated for Sugar, about 54
acres are planted with Cocoanuts, about 13
acres are planted with Tapioca, about 53 acres
are Paddy land, and about 1,689 acres are
Fallow land. About 67 acres of the land are
covered with canals, drains and roads, and the
remainder is jungle land of which 1,066 acres
are suitable for cultivation.

THE ALMA ESTATE comprises an area of
about 2,670 acres of which about 300 acres
are planted with Tapioca and about 60 acres
are planted with Citronella grass, and in addition to the
above about 300 acres are planted by Chinese
Squatters with Pine Apples, in which the
Vendors have the right to plant Para Rubber,
and there are about 1,340 acres of Fallow land
suitable for planting Tapioca and Rubber.
The remainder of the Estate consists chiefly
of Forest land of which about 300 acres are
suitable for cultivation. There are about 5,000
Cocoanut trees on this Estate (principally
young trees about one year old) planted
between the Tapioca plants, and about 1,500
Para Rubber trees of about 3 years old on
various parts of the Estate. About 6,000 Para
Rubber Plants have also been planted between
the Tapioca within the last 3 months.

The sale will include the Goodwill of the
business of Planters and Manufacturers of
Sugar, Tapioca, Citronella and other products
carried on by the Wellesley (Penang) Estates,
Limited.

Plans of the Prye and Batu Kawan Estates
showing the position and area of the fields and
lands can be inspected at the Office of Messrs.
Paterson, Simons & Company, Weld Quay,
Penang, from whom and from Messrs. Pres-
grave and Matthews, Solicitors, Penang, or the
Auctioneers, further particulars can be obtained
and to whom application for particulars and
conditions of sale should be made.

Penang, 6th December, 1905. [161]—K

DEATH OF MR. H. I. CHOPE.

We (Strait Times, 17th inst.) deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. H. I. Choep, agent of the P. & O. Company, and also Reuter's Agent, in Singapore. He died at five minutes past one o'clock this morning at his residence, Cree Hall, Tanglin. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, following upon internal injuries sustained in a carriage accident on Thursday last. Mr. Choep was driving home in his trap in the evening, along with Mr. Allen, and when near the Teutonia Club one of the wheels of the vehicle collapsed, and the occupants were thrown out. Mr. Allen escaped with some bruises. Mr. Choep fell heavily on his side. Medical examination showed that in his fall Mr. Choep had broken two ribs, and that one of the fractured bones had slightly pierced the lungs. Next day every one was glad to hear that Mr. Choep's injuries were not considered serious and that his medical attendants were assured of his speedy recovery.

From day to day the reports as to his condition continued to be favourable. Yesterday morning he was doing very well indeed, and seemed to be no reason to apprehend the fatal termination which has unhappily occurred. Shortly after noon, however, he began to show signs of sinking. At 7 p.m. he was in a critical condition, and although everything possible was done to relieve him, he passed away shortly after one o'clock this morning.

The news of Mr. Choep's death was received in town to-day with universal sorrow. He had a host of friends in Singapore and to them he had endeared himself by his fine qualities of character as well as having won the admiration of all with whom he had business relations, for his integrity and straightforward manner. Dr. Middleton and Dr. Fowle—both close friends of his—were with him when he died.

The P. & O. offices were closed to-day and the Company's flag, as well as that of the Straits Times and other offices down town, was hung half-mast out of respect for his memory. The Company's godowns at Keppel Harbour were also closed.

Mr. Choep was a son of Rev. R. R. Choep, Vicar of St. Augustine's Parish Church, Queen's Gate, South Kensington. He was forty-five years of age and had been all his working life in the service of the P. & O. Company. He came here on 20th August, 1899, from Hongkong. Before that, he had served on the Japan and Bombay stations, and everywhere he went his kindly nature and good fellowship, as well as his sterling abilities made him one of the most popular members of the P. & O. staff.

Mr. Choep leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters. The son is presently serving with his regiment in India. To Mr. Choep and the family we tender our sincerest sympathy in their unhappy bereavement, and all Singapore joins in that expression of condolence.

At the funeral Mr. Choep was accompanied until a few weeks ago, when he declined to serve for a further period because of the action of the Government in vetoing the action of the Commissioners in respect of the salaries they desired to pay to their highest officers. He was a member of the Board of Directors of many local concerns, including that of the Straits Times.

What makes the sad event all the more sad is that Mr. Choep was due to leave in the spring to join his wife and family at home.

THE FUNERAL. 18th inst.

Amid many manifestations of general regret, the funeral of the late Mr. H. I. Choep, P. & O. agent and Reuter's agent, in Singapore, took place yesterday afternoon. The deceased was known to a very large circle of friends and the attendance, despite the very heavy downfall of rain, was very large. The funeral ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. Izard, Colonial Chaplain, at the Bukit Timah cemetery. Among the many gentlemen who followed the cortege to the grave were—

Hon. E. L. Buckman, Mr. Oliver Marks, Messrs. C. B. Buckley, W. G. St. Clair, J. Polglase, A. Gentile, J. E. Roman, C. Tournaire, F. W. Barker, Hon. W. R. Collyer, W. E. Hooper, O'Sullivan, Hon. J. O. Anthonis, Messrs. F. J. Benjafield, E. F. H. Edlin, E. C. Ellis, N. Trotter, H. Hilton, Dr. Fowle, Messrs. Paul Nalin, H. Jones, A. Morrison, A. S. Leresche, W. G. Worcester, W. H. Sheldford, Hon. A. Murray, Hon. J. Anderson, Messrs. C. I. Carver, H. B. Herbert, the Captain and Officers of the P. & O. s.s. Delta, and many others.

The pall-bearers were all quartermasters of the Delta.

In the coffin and at the graveside many floral tributes were deposited by friends of the deceased. The officers of Lodge St. George's, of which body Mr. Choep was a Past Master, sent a beautiful wreath as a memento of the profound respect in which their late member had been held.

The large number of beautiful wreaths, which completely covered the coffin, were supplied by the Art Needlework Depot (10 Orchard Road) and one of them was particularly noticeable. It was a large wreath on a ground of white flowers; the square and compasses in pink, tied with blue—and quite a work of art. This was sent by the officers of Lodge St. George's.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.	
London—Bank T.T.	20 1/2
Do. demand	20 5/16
Do. 4 months' sight	20 1/8
France—Bank T.T.	25 1/2
America—Bank T.T.	49 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.	206 1/2
India T.T.	150 1/2
Do. demand	150 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T.	21 1/2
Singapore T.T.	15 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T.	98 1/2
Java—Bank T.T.	121 1/2

Buying.	
4 months' sight L/C	20 1/2
6 months' sight L/C	20 1/2
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	49 1/2
4 months' sight do.	50 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne	50 1/2
6 months' sight France	25 1/2
4 months' sight Germany	206 1/2
His Silver	30 1/2
Bank of England rate	206 1/2
Strait Settlements	100 1/2

To Let.

TO LET.

TWO GODOWNS at East Point, close to the Water, suitable for the storage of any Cargo.
Floor Area 6,100 square feet each.
Apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1906. [147]

TO LET AT THE PEAK.

POSSESSION 1ST MAY, 1906.
"DUNFORD," a Five-roomed Bungalow, Tennis Court.
Apply to—
C. W. RICHARDS,
Hongkong, 17th January, 1906. [153]

TO LET.

NO. 5, SEYMOUR TERRACE, Five-roomed House and Garden. Furnished or unfurnished. From 1st April or earlier. Moderate rental.
Apply to—
THE HOUSE.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1906. [152]

TO LET.

NO. 15, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1905. [74]

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 3, NEW PRAYA, Kennedy Town.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [73]

TO LET.

A BUILDING at CAUSEWAY BAY, formerly in occupation of the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.
No. 17, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD.
No. 5, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.
No. 6, CLIFTON GARDENS.
No. 1, RIFON TERRACE.
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing Polo Ground.
OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).
GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1906. [72]

Hotels.

OCCIDENTAL
HOTEL.

EXCELLENT CUISINE.

MODERATE PRICES.

ELECTRIC FANS

TO ORDER IN

EVERY ROOM.

EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.

ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1904. [28]

ORIENTAL HOTEL,
MACAO.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL situated in the Centre of Praya Grande with splendid view of the Harbour.

LARGE AND LOFTY ROOMS,

Elegantly Furnished.

EXCELLENT CUISINE.

WINES AND SPIRITS of the best quality.

BILLIARD TABLE, the best in the Far East.

EVERY COMFORT FOR RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS.

For Terms, &c., apply to—

THE MANAGER.

Macao, 16th October, 1905. [29]

KING EDWARD
HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA-ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR and BILLIARD-ROOMS.

HOT and COLD WATER throughout.

ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED. ELECTRIC FANS (if required).

ELECTRIC PASSENGER ELEVATOR to each floor.

TABLE D'HOTE at separate tables.

For Terms, &c., apply to the—

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1905. [30]

Intimations.

THE POPULAR
SCOTCH
"BLACK & WHITE"

JAMES-BUCHANAN & CO.
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS.
By Appointment to

H.M. THE KING
and
H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES

Supplied at all the LEADING CLUBS and HOTELS, and to be obtained from the principal Stores. [52]

TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER, guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid, and any other Chemicals.

PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts) or 6 doz. pints.

Special Prices for Quantities.

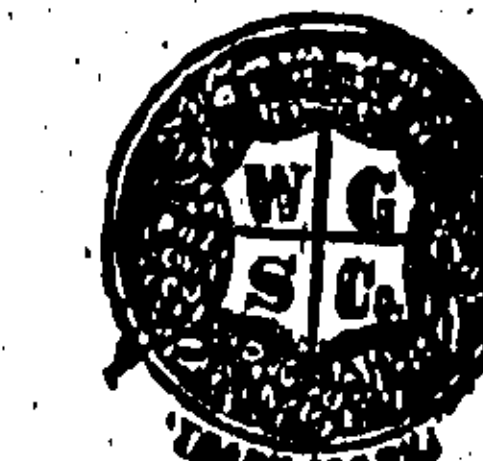
Sole Agents—

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1906. [62]

THE WINE GROWERS

SUPPLY CO.



BARRETTO & Co.

General Agents, Hongkong.

COGNACS.

L. ROZET & CO., BORDEAUX.

Special Brands.

Cognac, * * * \$15.00 Per Dozen Case

" S. O. P. ... 18.70 " "

" Very Old

Fine Champagne 22.50 " "

Cognac, Grande

Fine Champagne

Blue Ribbon

Guaranteed 12

Years Old, 31.50 " "

Cognac, Grande

Fine Champagne,

Green Ribbon

Guaranteed 20

Years Old, 46.70 " "

Cognac, Grande

Fine Champagne,

Red Ribbon

Intimations.



A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE
GOVERNOR.

THE
HONGKONG DISPENSARY

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

IN ADDITION TO THE
5 PER CENT. DISCOUNT
ALREADY ADVERTISED,
FURTHER
REDUCTIONS

Have been made from this date IN THE
PRICES of many of the following:—

PATENT MEDICINES,
INFANTS' FOODS,
SOAPS,
PERFUMES.

WE MAINTAIN THE LARGEST
AND MOST COMPLETE STOCKS of
these GOODS in the Colony, and our
Stocks being frequently turned over, ensures
all Goods being FRESH and in the BEST
CONDITION.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS, PERFUMERS,
ETC., ETC., ETC.
ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1906.

GREGOR & CO.,

10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

LIQUEURS

FROM

MARIE BRIZARD & ROGER,

BORDEAUX.

AWARDS:

THE

HIGHEST

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EXHIBITED.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1905.

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five cents.

BIRTH.
On the 19th January, at Shanghai, the wife
of P. A. SCHLUMBERGER, of a son.

MARRIAGE.
On the 19th January, at Shanghai, GEORGE
B., eldest son of George Boyers, Castor, Lin-
colnshire, to ALICE JANG, daughter of the late
John Watson, of Shanghai.

DEATH.
On the 19th January, at Shanghai, FRIED-
RICH NERING-BOGEL, Secretary of the Club
Concordia, aged 66 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1906.

UNBORN INCREMENT FOR GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

On several occasions recently, we have
animadverted on the hard lot of the juniors
in the Government Civil Service. Every-
body who has given a moment's considera-
tion to their position, the meagre salaries on
which they are expected to rear families,
educate their children, live decently and
bear an outward appearance of respectability
—salaries which start at anything between
\$20 and \$30 a month and attain the magni-
ficent height of \$150 or \$180 after 40 years'
continuous service and unblemished char-
acter on the part of the junior—must com-
miserate them in their struggle for existence.
These are the people who have no voice in de-
partmental affairs. But take the Government
servants of a higher grade, the covenanted
men; they are not backward in devising
schemes for their own benefit; they know
their way about. Some time ago a sugges-
tion was made by these officials of a larger
growth to start a co-operative society in
Hongkong. They met and discussed the
idea, and now they have reached the stage
when it is simply a matter of deciding which
of two schemes shall be adopted. We have
received a circular on the subject; this cir-
cular is being distributed among the Govern-
ment servants for one or other of the two suggestions.
The first scheme "comprises the raising of
money by means of shares transferable and
withdrawable, and the establishment of a
store, with a manager and distributing staff,
goods being imported from England, Aust-
ralia, etc., and supplied to members at current
prices which would cover the expense
of administration, insurance, and so on."
It reads like a Whiteley's prospectus. A
store, a manager, a distributing staff, with
goods imported from England, Australia,
Fiji and Tobolsk—it is clear that the ori-
ginator of the scheme is nothing if not am-
bitious. At a first glance it might be thought
the resident Civil Servant, the man with
small salary and large wants, might possibly
benefit from this scheme. The condition of
membership, however, dispels that illusion.
"Every member must take up at least one
\$20 transferable share, and may take any
number of withdrawable shares which the
committee will offer as capital is required.
Interest will be paid on all shares. All net
profits are divisible among members in pro-
portion to their purchases. Liability will
be limited to the amount of shares held."
Where is the junior clerk, earning the princely
salary, after a dozen years' pen-driving, of
\$50 or \$80 a month, who can produce the
necessary \$20 without another thought? So
we come to the conclusion that the first
scheme is intended to benefit the higher-
paid branches of the service, and we are
informed that there are between 250 and 300
who would certainly take advantage of the
scheme if it be adopted. The manager, dis-
tributing staff, etc., *ad lib.*, who have to
cater for that number will unquestionably
have a sinecure, but how the rent of the
store is to be paid we cannot conceive.
That is the first scheme, but the alternative
is, in vulgar parlance, a "caution." It pro-
poses to invite local tradesmen to discriminate
between their regular and old-time customers
and the Government Civil Servants, in
favour of the latter. The scheme reads:
"Scheme B comprises the drawing up of a
price list of articles most in use, at current
rates, and then the calling for tenders from
all local tradesmen as to what discount they
would be prepared to give off the monthly
accounts of members in respect of the items
so specified." It would be complimentary
to call this unblushing effrontery. Why
should well-paid Government servants get a
reduction on their goods and not the ordi-
nary householder who has to work hard
all day for what he earns, under the stern
eye of a taipan, who, it may be, has none

of the Government official's prejudice against
rush and hurry? It isn't as if the Civil Ser-
vant proposed to pay spot cash; he makes
it clear that a monthly account must be ar-
ranged. By this second scheme, the Civil
Servants hope to enjoy all the advantages of
a co-operative society without having to pay
for the store, the manager, the distributing
staff, the administration, or the insurance on
goods brought from the ends of the earth.
And we can fancy the lordly disdain with
which the aristocrats among Government
Civil Servants would condescend to unbend
before the shopkeeper, who humbly begged
to receive their commands. The shopkeeper
who even made an offer under such condi-
tions would be branded as a traitor to his
class. Surely, it is self-evident that he would
lose all his regular customers, unless he re-
duced his tariff for them to the same
level as that enjoyed by the *hon tan*
among Civil Servants. Then where would
the co-operative society come in? The
circular we received dogmatically urged
and reiterated the fact that the society would
be confined to Government servants. Alas!
even schemes formulated by Government
servants "gang aft agley," and we might all
find ourselves claiming to be Government
servants in the near future, should the co-
operative society come into existence. The
people who carry bricks to build a Govern-
ment bungalow, or sweeps the garden at the
Peak for the children of impecunious taipans,
or pulls the punkah over the hard-worked
official might all call themselves Government
servants—and why not? If they can get
their piece of rice a little cheaper by all
means let them have it. The whole question
comes to this: the Government servants
have too long fraternised on equal terms
with the *ramille* of unofficialdom; now, there
is to be a distinction, and naturally the dis-
tinction is to be in favour of the Govern-
ment servants. No matter if the ordinary
wage-earner helps to maintain the Colony;
no matter if the reduction granted to the
Government servants eventually comes out of
the pockets of the plain citizen—the latter
can look out for himself and the Govern-
ment servants will reap whatever benefits he
can derive from such an unequal and unfair state
of things. Both schemes have "squeeze"
stamped all over them, and we wish both of
them a glorious end in the deepest depths
of the Pacific. In conclusion, we would be
interested to learn why the circular calling
upon Government servants to state their
views on this subject is issued from the office
of the Sanitary Board? What has the Sani-
tary Board got to do with it? Is it intended to
appoint special sanitary inspectors to keep an eye
on the comestibles supplied exclusively
for the use of Government servants? It
would be interesting to know, also, who
pays for the paper on which these circulars
are printed? It is certainly Government
paper; does the Government pay for the
private fads and fancies of the departmental
staffs, and of the Sanitary Board staff in
particular?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French Minister to Corea has left Che-
mulo for home.

THE French Mail of the 25th December, was
delivered in London on the 24th instant.

H. M. surveying ship *Rambler* is expected to
leave Borneo at the end of the present month
for Hongkong.

THE P. and O. Company's steamer *Molodtsov*,
left London on 22nd ult., with the following
specie for Hongkong:—Coin silver, £3,257.

THERE will be no Band at the Hongkong
Hotel during dinner to-morrow, 27th instant;
the R.W.K. Band will be playing at the Scotch
Concert.

MR. G. Kozakoff, lately Acting First Secretary
of the Russian Legation at Peking, has arrived
at Tokio to take charge of the Russian Legation
there.

IT now seems the first-class cruiser *Reht*
instead of coming to the China Station, as was at
first spoken of, will go to the Cape Station as
flagship of the squadron there.

THE *str. Ella*, which arrived at Shanghai from
Hankow on 19th inst., reports that on the 18th
instant at 9.45 p.m. she passed a large steamer
ashore off Bate Point.

A TOKIO telegram to the *N. C. D. News* says:
—The relations between the *Selyukal* and the
Progressives are becoming strained. The *Selyukal*
representatives are increasing in number.

THE Perak Chinese have forwarded to the
Viceroy of Canton a sum of \$13,500 in aid of
the Reform movement in China. Lowkey
Foo Choo Chun contributed \$1,000 of the
amount.

THE *N. C. D. News* is informed by the general
managers of the Lau Kung Mow Cotton
Spinning and Weaving Company that the
balance at the credit of profit and loss account
for 1905 amounts to Tls. 173,685.28, out of
which the Board recommend a payment of a
dividend of Tls. 200 per share, which will
absorb Tls. 57,264.00. The report and ac-
counts will be published in a few days.

THE cruiser, *King Alfred*, the command of
which has just been taken up by Captain C. F.
Thursby, will be completed to full strength of
crew—920 of all ranks, including the flag
officer's staff—at Portsmouth on 2nd inst. as
flagship of the China Squadron. The flagship,
with Vice-Admiral Sir A. W. Moore on board,
will leave for the East shortly.

THE Chambers of Commerce of Kobe, Osaka,
Kyoto, and Nagoya propose to hold an exhibi-
tion in some town of Manchuria for the educa-
tion of native traders. The project has the
support of the Government, which promises a
subsidy towards expenses. There is a build-
ing at Mukden well fitted for the purpose, and
the exhibition will probably be held there.

A STEEL screw steamer built to the order of
the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company,
London, for their service on the China coast,
was recently launched by Hall, Russell and
Co., Aberdeen. The vessel is of the spar-deck
type, and of about 2,000 tons gross register.
She will be supplied by the builders with triple-
expansion engines to indicate 1,600 h.p., and
a steel boiler fitted with forced draught. She
is named the *Chipp Shing*.

WITH her homeward bound pennant flung to
the breeze the battleship *Oregon* will leave
Manila en route to Puget Sound February 10.
She will first call at Hongkong and be docked
preparatory to her long trip across the Pacific.
On arrival at Puget Sound she will be placed
out of commission and undergo extensive re-
pairs, and will be practically re-modelled in
order to bring her up to the standard of the
latest type of battleship.

THE *Japan Chronicle*, of 18th inst., says:—The
Chinese crew of the German steamer *Anna*,
now lying at Moji, went on strike a few days
ago. The Chinese demanded to be discharged
so that they might go home for the Chinese
New Year festivities, and refused to go to
Vladivostok, on account of the disturbed con-
ditions there. They further contend that their
term of service, under British shipping law, is
six months, and as they joined the ship at
Singapore they claim that port. The captain
of the steamer maintains that they are subject
to G. man law, which stipulates the term of
seamen's service at 18 months. The police at
Moji have been requested by the captain to
intervene in the matter.

THE optimism that was engendered by the
North Borneo dinner, and the statements re-
specting the minerals, was accentuated at the
meeting of shareholders on 19th ult., says the
L. & C. Express. Sir Charles Jessel read
from reports as to the prospects of the man-
ganes, iron ore, and coal, which certainly
contain germs of greater hope than have ex-
isted hitherto. The single extensive planting
product—tobacco—is likely to be superseded
in a few years by rubber. Between mineral
and agricultural products the prospects of the
Chartered Company seem to be more hopeful
than they have been for years. These enter-
prises mean additional labour, and each
man is worth so much a head to the revenues.

FIRE IN HONGKONG.

Shortly after nine o'clock last night, fire
broke out in the premises in Sutherland Street
—which runs in between Connaught Road
West and Queen's Road West—occupied by
the Salt Fish Guild. The fire attacked a
quantity of bamboo poles and timber stored
in the yard, with the result that in a very short
time there was a big blaze. A telephone
message was sent to the Central Police Station,
and the Fire Brigade, under superintendent
Baker, was speedily on the scene. There was
a plentiful supply of water and the flames were
completely extinguished after an hour's work
by the firemen. The origin of the outbreak
is unknown. The damage is estimated at
between \$500 and \$500.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

COLLECTIONS AT HONGKONG CHURCHES.

The following contributions have been received
by the hon. treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Neithersole Hospitals as the result of the
Hospital Sunday collections:—
St. John's Cathedral 180.00
Union Church 159.66
To Tai Church 77.00
Basel Mission Churches 39.02
St. Peter's Church (half-offertory) 32.35
Volunteer Camp Service 30.50
Wesleyan Church, Wanchai 30.25
Wesleyan Chinese Church 29.70
St. Stephen's Church 29.23
Baptist Chinese Church 14.20
Peak Church 14.00
Rhenish Mission Church 7.00
Cheung Chan 5.00
Holy Trinity Church, Kowloon 4.20
German Chapel 4.00
The following donations to the funds of the
Hospitals have also been made:
Zoroastrian Charity Fund \$100
E. E. A. & L. Telegraph Co. Ltd. 50
Osaka Shosen Kaisha 50
Yokohama Specie Bank 25
Alex. Ross & Co. 25
Stewart Bros. 25
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. 25
Java China Japan Lijn 25
L. A. Wegener & Co. 20
H. W. Wickes & Co. 20
L. F. Caske 10
McGregor Bros. & Gow 5
Ellis Kadourie 5
A. Chazillon & Co. 5

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

At 3 p.m. to-morrow Mrs. Francis Clark, wife
of Hon. Dr. Francis Clark, Commodore of the
Club, has kindly consented to open the Hong-
kong Corinthian Yacht Club, which is situated
on the Praya, East, just west of No. 2 Police
Station.
After the opening ceremony Mrs. Clark will
present to Mr. Hands, captain of the *Althoria*
crew, the cup won by that yacht on Sunday
last, being the cup presented for competition
by the Commodore. Ladies and members of
the Club are cordially invited to this function.

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

H. E. SIR MATTHEW NATHAN VISITS
THE BAZAAR.

The changing of improvised cymbals, the
beating of gongs, the screeching of pipes, and
the yelling, shouting and clamour of excited
cheerleaders have ceased in Bonham Strand.
Yesterday it was a monument of the dead. A
street which had been crammed with rickety
stalls, swaying with the heavings of a crowd
which packed itself like herrings together only
the previous evening, was now deserted and
forgotten. Jervois Street, the happy haunt of
the ne'er-do-weel, the loafer, and the thief, had
assumed a funeral aspect. The silence of the
tomb was over it. People heard their whistles
echoing away and beyond—for Jervois Street
was in sack-cloth and ashes—particularly
ashes. On Wednesday night there was hardly
breathing-room in that quarter of the city. The
Chinese, in their gayest apparel, meandered
slowly and with much dignity, through the
devious routes lined by haberdashery, tin-pot,
oleograph and gimcrack stalls. It was the
last night of the bazaar. The bazaar people
went nearly frantic as midnight
approached. Everything had to be cleared
away before New Year's Day, or as soon as pos-
sible after the witching hour had tolled. The
stall-keepers hung on to each and every passer-
by, flaunted wonderful articles in his face and
tugged green in the gills in their efforts to ob-
tain a sale. Articles that had been resolutely
held back for higher prices went for a song in
the late hours. A ten-dollar piece of tinseel
disappeared for ten cents. The cheerleaders had
a fit every five minutes as they parted with their
cherished household gods. For once in a way
the buyer was worth conciliating. The ordinary
man who bows and cringes to the shopkeeper
and pleads for a moment's hearing, a second's
attention, was supreme lord of the universe.
He handled the goods in the most supercilious
way, tolerated with fine phlegm the rabid rati-
fication of the dealer, and went off sans pur-
chase.

HONGKONG AGOG.

All Hongkong seemed to be at the bazaar on
Wednesday night. People who never cross
the threshold of their own doors after nightfall
during the rest of the year were squeezing
hilariously through the conglomerate mob of
tattered demagogues and representatives of
the Peak aristocracy. Gentle ladies and dames
of high degree shined and jostled in the most
brazen fashion, like suburbanites at a bargain
sale, and the bazaar, after all, was full of bar-
gains; also, remnants. At one period of the
evening Jervois Street was impassable. The
crowd stood stock still. Old footballers from
the Kowloon ducks tried forcing tactics, but they
had forgotten the old tricks. The spectators
jammed and amalgamated as if glued to-
gether. A stall moved along sideways, as if
following an unseen magnet and the pressure
ceased for a time. In some places the stalls
on either side of the road were not three yards
apart and, of course, the spectators wanted to
walk far, abreast.

His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan was in
the thick of the crowd, piloting a lady through
the crush. The Governor had to fight his
way along with the rest, taking occasional
breathing spells at the side stalls. Very few
recognised His Excellency, and fewer would
have known that he was there, had it not been
for his scarlet-coated chair coolies, sporting the
crown on their sleeves. They formed a sort of
imitation bodyguard—a long way behind His
Excellency. Some few sightseers tried to get a
glimpse of the Governor, but in rather less than
no time he had been swallowed up in the
swarm of people.

LIKE THE ARABS.

Before one o'clock in the morning had struck,
the scene had changed. It was a marvellous
metamorphosis. The rickety of bamboo poles
and dirty cotton which had done duty for
awnings over the stalls had been whisked away.
Pots, pans, curios and platters, socks and oleo-
graphs disappeared with a suddenness that
took one's breath away. It was all over in a
few minutes. The Chinese stallholders folded
their tents like the Arabs, and as silently stole
away. Nothing remained but the flotsam and
jetsam of the fair. When morning dawned not
a soul was to be seen in what had been the
liveliest street in Hongkong a few hours earlier.

CANNON ALL ROUND THEM.

Yesterday was devoted to ceremonial visits
among the Chinese, and to the exploding of
crackers. All day long the squibs and cannon
and crackers rattled and roared and banged
from one end of the town to the other.
In places, visitors were wading ankle-deep
through the torn red paper which had
enveloped the fireworks. The West end of the
city looked as if it had snowed red for a fortnight.

NOT FOR HONGKONG.

The European section of the population took
their enforced holiday quietly. They had not
the energy to enjoy themselves after deafening
themselves in Pandemonium on Wednesday
night, and re-enacting the Balaclava charge.
They might have taken a leaf from Singapore's
book. In the southern Settlement a fancy dress
ball was organised for the Chinese New Year
holidays, but we do not attempt to reach such
heights. Besides we have had nothing but
balls for a month or more. And a masquerade
is not quite proper, or, at least, genteel.

HOCKEY.

HOCKEY CLUB V. 129TH BALUCHIS.

On the Hockey Club ground, at Happy
Valley, yesterday afternoon, a friendly game
was played between the above teams. A very
good match was seen, and both teams scored
one after another. But the Indians, who are
invincible in the hockey field, won by five goals
to four, the Club putting up a fine game.

NAVY V. ARTILLERY.

These two teams met on the Hockey Club
ground, on Wednesday afternoon, at the Happy
Valley. Another even game was played in the
first half, but the soldiers—who played a better
game in the next half—won by 4 to 3.

PURE TOPICS.

25th January.

On Chinese New Year morning, owners
exercised their ponies on the inner track and
some pleasing gallops were witnessed. The
results are:—

The Quail and The Skirl, former 12m.,
joined by the latter 1m., 7, 37, 1.10 2/5, 1.44,
2.17, the derby griffin finished first.
H.E. the Governor's Melinite, 4m., 35, 1.06
2/5.

Nugget and Forward, two quarters 1/2, trot-
ted round; another quarter 3/2.
Drogheda (Gresson up) 4m., 32.
Red Herting, 4m., 34 2/5, 1.09 2/5, 1.41 4/5.
Halcyon Day and Promised Land, 1m., 39,
1.16, 1.52 3/5, 2.27.

H.E. the Governor's Aconite and Shiremoite,
4m., 31, 1.05 3/5.

Sirocco, two quarters 31 4/5, trotted round; next,
quarter 33 2/5.

Sundial (blanket) 1m., 32 2/5.

Zapeter, 4m., 37, 1.11.

Gaberlunzie, 4m., joined by Peebles, 1m., 7,
34, 1.07, 1.44, 2.19 3/5.

Spring Chicken and Mikosh, 4m., 34 2/5,
1.08 2/5, 1.42 1/5.

Velocity and Rabbit, 4m., 33 1/5, 1.08,
1.42 2/5.

New Boy, 4m., 34 2/5, 1.07 4/5, 1.40; steady.
Pilot, 4m., 35, 1.08.

Diadem and Rising Sun, 4m., 32 4/5, 1.05 4/5,
1.40 (Diadem) and Rising Sun 1.40 3/5.

This morning a number of ponies were seen
on the course for quarters only; the only ones
deserving of mention are, Wakelyns, Glorious
Sun's, and Himalaya Rose's quarters in 29 2/5.

EARLY BIRD.

There was quite a number of sportsmen at
the course on Chinese New Year morning to
witness the gallops of a few ponies that were
not put to work on the previous day. The
morning was warm. The "times" taken were
as under:—

Mr. W. A. Cruickshank's New Boy, three-
quarters of a mile, 35, 1.8, 1.40, last quarter 31 1/2.

Mr. J. Meier's Pilot, half a mile, (Gegg up),
35, 1.8.

Mr. E. W. Mitchell's Zapeter, half a mile
(Gegg up), 36, 1.10.

Mr. D. Dorabjee's Diadem and Mr. S. H.
Michael's Rising Sun, three-quarters of a mile,
32 1/2, 1.61, 1.40. Three two galloped together
and Diadem won somewhat easily against his
companion.

Messrs. T. F. Hough and R. Shewan's The
Quail, did one and a quarter mile. They
courted the last three-quarters in good style,
the last mile being 2.16, the last three-quarters
1.40, and the last quarter 33sec.

Mr. Cruickshank's Spring Chicken and
Mikosh, three-quarters of a mile, 34, 1.8, 1.41 1/2,
last quarter 33 1/2, a very bad performance on
Mikosh's part.

THE RIDING BOY.

FARNHAM, BOYD & CO.

A FURLEAST WHICH PROVED CORRECT.

On the day prior to the extraordinary general
meeting of the shareholders in Messrs. S. C.
Farnham, Boyd & Co., the *N. C. Daily News*
published a short comment on the position of
affairs, and forecasted the composition of the
new directorate. The following is the reference
made by our contemporary to this subject:

To-morrow, an extraordinary meeting of the
above Company will be held at the head office.
The object is to propose and pass some
important resolutions, relating to the liquidation
and reorganisation of the present company.
The shareholders for some considerable time
past have felt that they should be represented
on the Board. The present Directors, with Mr.
John Prentice as Chairman and Managing
Director, fully realise that this desire is quite
reasonable, and they have intimated to the
shareholders their willingness to meet their
wishes.

We do not propose to recapitulate the past
history of the Company, but it is a well-known
fact that the interests of the shareholders have
not been considered in the way they should
have, during the reign of Mr. Twentyman.
Since he has retired, the whole scene is changed,
and the gentleman who is now the Managing
Director has the full confidence of the share-
holders and public. It is a matter for con-
gratulation that such is the case, and we feel
sure that the successful working of the premier
Dock Company is of the utmost consequence,
either directly or indirectly, not only to the
shareholders, but to everyone who is com-
mercially interested in Shanghai.

We hear on good authority, that to-morrow
the present Board will meet the shareholders
in a perfectly friendly manner.

The notice convening the meeting contains
a resolution that the name of the Company shall
be changed to the Shanghai Dock Company,
Limited. To our mind there is not the slightest
doubt that, as the largest concern of its kind
in Shanghai, the Company should bear the
name of the place.

With regard to the new Board, we under-
stand that Mr. Prentice will continue as Chair-
man and Managing Director, and Messrs. H.
von Rucker and S. Groundwater (the two se-
nior directors of the present Board) also will
remain on the directorate, and they will be
joined, if the shareholders agree, by Sir Charles
Dudgeon, Messrs. W. J. Gresson, A. Korff,
and James Johnston. The names of these
gentlemen are sufficient to guarantee the future
success of the Company. The shareholders
should be well satisfied that, besides having
the services and experience of Mr. Prentice
and his two co-directors, they have, in addi-
tion, four such influential names put before
them as those of the gentlemen willing to serve
on the proposed new Board.

SHIPPING AND MAELS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Gregory Ahear*) 29th inst.
German (*Roon*

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter.]

The Elections.

LONDON, 23rd January.

Returns to date:—
Liberals 286, Labourites 35, Nationalists 79, Unionists, 121.
Mr. Austin Chamberlain has been returned for East Worcester, by 10,129 against Mr. Morogan's 5,763 votes.

24th January.

Returns to date:—
Liberals 294, Labourites 36, Unionists 123.
Liberals gains 153, Labour 30, Unionists 123.

The Loss of the Brazilian Ironclad.
In the explosion on the Brazilian warship *Aquidaban*, 212 perished and 98 were saved.

The United States and the Philippines.

Persistent rumours are current in New York that Ambassador Wright is empowered to discuss the sale of the Philippines with Tokio, the American Government regretting a costly and burdensome acquisition.

The Transvaal.

Ex-President Steyn, speaking at Dewetsdorp, at the re-entertainment of the burghers who fell in the war, urged the avoidance of foreign ways, and appealed to mothers to teach their children the story of the concentration camps.

Generals Hertzog and Wessels harangued the meeting in the same strain.

Royal Betrothal.

The engagement of King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg will shortly be announced officially.

Diplomatic Appointment.

Russia has approved of the selection of Dr. Motono, the Japanese Minister in Paris, as Minister to St. Petersburg.

[N. C. D. News.]

Tientsin-Chinkiang Railway.

Peking, 19th January.

High metropolitan officials who are natives of the provinces of Chihli, Shantung, and Kiangsu have decided to establish a bank at Tientsin, with the purpose of repurchasing the Tientsin-Chinkiang railway.

Chinese Anxiety About Mongolia.

Peking, 20th January.

Thirty Mongolian Princes were received in audience by the Emperor on the 17th, and entertained at an Imperial banquet.

Their Majesties the Empress Dowager and Emperor have since received each Prince three times in audience, and delivered to each an Imperial rescript in reference to the defence of the Mongolian border.

Red-Beards in Manchuria.

Peking, 21st January.

The Military Governor of Heilungkiang province telegraphs that the Hunghuize are actively raiding in that province, and the Russians are consequently delaying their evacuation on the plea of suppressing these bandits.

"THE CAO HANG"

SAIGON NEWS OF THE STRANDING.

The Saigon papers to hand—the latest date being the 19th inst.—give particulars of the stranding of the *Cao Hang* on Pulo Canton. There is little that is new in the reports, most of the facts having already appeared exclusively in the *Hongkong Telegraph*. The *Cao Hang* went ashore in a dense fog, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th inst. There were 60 passengers on board. The agents of the Messageries Maritimes at Saigon and Haiphong immediately on receiving news of stranding made arrangements to send vessels to the help of the shipwrecked passengers and crew. The *Cao Hang*, according to the *Courrier Saigonnais*, is a vessel of 8,000 tons, 4,000 horse power, and is fitted out to carry troops to the number of 1,124. The commander, Captain Loquette, had been commander in the service for 14 years, and is described as a prudent and careful navigator. The passengers were rescued by the steamship *Cochin* and conveyed to Haiphong. Captain Loquette and the officers of the stranded vessel remained on Pulo Canton. When the vessel stranded, the officers and crew behaved with great coolness, and proceeded to carry out the work of landing the passengers without the slightest excitement. There was some trouble with the firemen, who were Somali, but it was quickly settled. The conduct of the natives of the Annam coast is described as "peu brillant." A subscription was raised in Saigon for the shipwrecked passengers and sailors of the *Cao Hang*. According to the officers of the *Cochin*, the stranded vessel was lying in a bad position, being driven against banks of coral. Nothing is said about the salvage of the vessel, but it is noteworthy that the late commander was hopeful that she could be refloated.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 26th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has risen over W. Japan and the Loochoos, and fallen over S. China.

The depression mentioned yesterday is still shown in the Pacific to the E. of Japan. The highest pressure in now over the Yellow Sea. Strong but decreasing monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of China Sea.

Forecast:—fresh E. winds; fair.

POST-OFFICE FOR KOWLOON.

GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR TENDERS.

Residents in Kowloon will be pleased to learn that the Government has decided to proceed with the work of erecting a post-office for the benefit of the community on the mainland. The scheme has been under consideration for some time, and the strong reasons submitted by Kowloon residents for a post-office which would be situated in their midst have determined the Government to accede to the request. No doubt the suggestion would have been adopted and carried into effect some time ago, had it not been that various other schemes blocked the way. Apparently the Public Works Department now finds itself in a position to proceed with the work and give the time and attention necessary to the construction of the new Post-Office. In the latest issue of the *Government Gazette* a notice appears calling for tenders for the erection of the Kowloon post-office, and these tenders will be received at the office of the Colonial Secretary, until noon on Tuesday, the 13th February. One of the conditions which the successful tenderer must observe is that no work will be permitted on Sundays. The people of Kowloon may thus expect to have a post-office of their own before many months have passed.

HUDDING CHINESE DIPLOMAT IN HONGKONG.

AN ENERGETIC WORKER IN THE STRAITS.

Among those who arrived at Hongkong by the P. & O. s.s. *Leith* yesterday, was Mr. K'ung Ching Hsien, who has been attached to Mr. Fung Yee, the ex-Consul-General for China at Singapore. Mr. K'ung is a native of Shantung and a very good Chinese scholar; at present he is learning French and intends going to Paris to complete his study. He takes a deep interest in the Chinese education of the Straits-born Babas. In 1903, when Dr. Lim Hoon Keng started the mandarin class he voluntarily came forward and helped Dr. Lim. In him, Dr. Lim found a very useful assistant who, in spite of all his arduous work in the day, regularly attended the mandarin class, which was held twice a week and only broke up last week for the Chinese New Year holidays. Mr. K'ung Ching Hsien's departure will be a great loss to the class. It was his intention to remain in Singapore till next Chinese year, but the unexpected deaths of his brother and his sister-in-law have called him back to China. In his present bereavement all his students sympathize with him. A written Chinese address on a silk scroll was presented to Mr. K'ung Ching Hsien prior to his departure for China.

BRITISH CRUISERS AT SAIGON.

THE PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Saigon papers to hand make reference to the visit of the British cruiser squadron, but, unfortunately, the latest date of the *Courrier Saigonnais* is the 19th inst., the day preceding the arrival of the squadron. The programme of entertainments is published, however, from which it will be seen that our French friends are determined to maintain their reputation for hospitality. On the 20th inst., the officers of the squadron were to be entertained by the Governor-General, M. Beau, at an official dinner, after which there was to be a reception. All the chief personages in Saigon were to be invited to the reception, including the officers of the French navy, the chief officers of the army, and the press. An exhibition of Cambodian native dances was arranged. On the 21st Admiral Noel and the English naval officers were to proceed to the racetrack. On Monday last, an excursion had been arranged to Cholon, where breakfast would be served; afterwards the visitors were to see Thud Thud and Lohch there. There was a reception in the afternoon given by the soldiers and sailors' institute to the crews of the British warships. On the same evening, Admiral Richard, the French Commander-in-Chief, was to entertain the English officers to dinner on the *Montcalm*. Afterward, the party were bound for a public ball given in the municipal theatre. The public of Saigon were invited to attend the ball which was given by the Mayor and Municipal Council. A ball was also to be given on the *Montcalm*.

The people of Saigon, according to the newspapers, were not at all satisfied with the programme arranged for the entertainment of the British guests. It was too official, and gave no proper opportunity for a manifestation of the cordiality of the French resident generally towards the visitors.

CLOTHES AND THE MAN.

HOW THE KOREANS ARE "OPPRESSED."

According to the *Korea Daily News*, the natives of that country are suffering from a maze of contradictory ordinances passed by their Japanese protectors. The latest of these "outrages," as they are termed, relates to the wearing apparel of the natives. Our contemporary observes: "An order has been sent forth that white clothes are no longer to be worn. The contention is that white clothes are uneconomical, and it is a perfectly reasonable one; but as only a few weeks have elapsed since the wearing of white was compulsory it is a gross injustice to a poor man to force him to wear coloured clothes while his recently purchased white ones are still serviceable. Yet that is what the Korean police (under Japanese direction) are now doing. Quiet people whose sole offence is that of wearing white clothes are now arrested and are liberated after they have been branded in black ink with such choice epithets as 'son of a dog' etc. The whole thing is a gross outrage. Such a law naturally increases the trade in Japanese coloured clothes, but at the same time it increases the Korean hatred of his 'protectors.' When the Koreans have worn out the white clothes which they at present possess they will be glad enough to wear more economical coloured clothes, so that this reform needs no urging upon them."

PRINCE ARTHUR'S VISIT.

ENLIGHTENED SINGAPORE.

The Government officials in Singapore seem determined that there shall be no lack of enthusiasm on the arrival of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, through public ignorance of what is to happen during the Royal visit to that Colony. Already they have issued a time table so that people may know approximately when the Prince will land, whence he will proceed, and what arrangements the Government are making to ensure the success of the reception. Not content with details the Singapore officials have issued, through the Colonial Secretary's office, a sheet of "information and suggestions." It is stated in the official document that "The Mission under His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, conveying the insignia of the Garter to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, will call at Singapore on Saturday, the 3rd of February, arriving early in the morning by the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship *Dongola*. It is the desire of His Majesty the King that Prince Arthur should be received as a member of the Royal Family." Then the route of the Royal procession is given in detail. As regards decorations, the Government undertakes that duty so far as the streets and public offices are concerned and invites the public to perform their part. The vessels in the harbour are to be dressed, and the owners and agents of all vessels in the harbour are invited to see that the ships under their control are also in holiday attire. Of course, when a Government takes the public into its confidence, the people naturally are only too willing to do their share in the work of extending a real colonial reception to one of the Royal Family. When the plans and proposals are bottled up, the people are inclined to wait developments until it is too late. It is to be hoped that His Royal Highness will not be in a position to compare Hongkong with Singapore to the disadvantage of this Colony.

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F. C. v. CANTON F. C.

A fair gathering of spectators assembled on the Hongkong Football Club ground, at Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, to witness this match. The teams lined out as below:—

Hongkong F. C.—R. D. Atkinson, goal; E. F. J. Scott and E. Humphreys, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. Nicholl and A. Morley, half-backs; W. H. Williams, R. Miller, T. Clarke, R. Whitmore, and A. Mead, forwards.

Canton F. C.—C. C. Hickling, goal; W. G. Saunders (capt) and H. Mackenzie, backs; T. H. King, G. D. Bateman and W. Imhoof, halves; T. Robinson, R. O. Hutchinson, R. C. Conner, H. Fairburn and G. A. Mair, forwards.

The Club started the ball with a fairly strong wind in their favour, which increased as the game progressed, and sprang down the line in capital style. Williams obtained a pass near goalmouth and netted. After this the Canton players seemed to settle down, but they could not approach the home team, as they did not have the combination and push. On the other hand, the club played a nice game, Williams exhibiting good dribbling, while Mead, at the wing, proved himself a good player in centring the ball, but got somewhat excited when he had the ball all to himself near goalmouth; for on several occasions he shot wide. At half time the score was—Club, 5; Canton, nil. In the second half even play was seen for a while. The Canton team commenced pressing, and although they looked dangerous for a short time they were balked by the Club's backs. The Club therefore had an easy win by six goals to love, Williams scoring most of the goals.

ARMY STAFF v. R. G. A.

This match was played on the Military Football ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The Staff could not cope with the dashy play of the Artillery and were defeated by five goals to one.

POLICE AND WARDERS v. NAVAL YARD.

On the Y. M. C. A. football ground, lent for the occasion, at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon this match was held. A very good game was played and notwithstanding that some of the co-thinned teams have not played football for many seasons they put up a strong fight. The Naval Yard ultimately proved victorious, defeating their opponents by a score of three goals to two.

LOWER DECK "ANDROMEDA" v. GUNROOM OFFICERS "ANDROMEDA."

This match between the men from the lower-deck of the *Andromeda* versus the gunroom officers of the same ship was played on Wednesday afternoon, on the Naval football ground at Happy Valley. The lower-deck played a strong game, and won by five goals to the officers' two. Botham scored both goals for the gunroom team.

H.M.S. "HANDY" v. H.M.S. "HECLA."

These two destroyers met in a friendly game on the Military football ground, at Happy Valley, on Wednesday afternoon. The *Hecla* played a splendid game in the first half, and were leading by one goal to nil when half-time was called. The *Handy* men were not to be "done" and in the second half altered the tables. They won by three goals to two.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts write on the 24th inst. as follows:—Owing to the Chinese New Year holidays, we are issuing our circular two days earlier than usual. During the few days open to business, transactions have not been numerous and there is practically no change in quotations since we wrote last. At an extraordinary general meeting of Messrs. S. C. Farham, Boyd and Company, Limited, the resolutions to wind up the present

company and reconstruct it under the name of The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company (Limited), were submitted to the shareholders and unanimously carried. The directors of the new company will consist of the following gentlemen:—Mr. J. Fremont, Mr. H. von Ruher, Mr. S. Groundwater, Sir C. J. Dudgeon, Mr. W. J. Gresson, Mr. A. Korfand Mr. James Johnson.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have slightly improved in value, but shares are obtainable at \$87½. The London quotation is unaltered at £95 10s. Od. Nationals are still in demand at \$38.

Marine Insurances.—Cantons are inquired for at \$320. China Traders are firm at \$91 and Unions can be placed at \$730.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are in the market at \$325, and China Fires have been dealt in at \$88.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have hardened and are wanted at \$23½. Indo-China remain in request at \$95. China and Manila have inquiries at \$19 and Douglas Steamships keep steady at \$40. In other stocks under this head, there is no change to report.

Refineries.—China Sugars are quiet at \$207½. Luxons can be obtained at \$15.

Mining.—Chinese Engineerings have been done at Tls. 8/6. Raubs are slightly firmer and can be placed at \$44.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are unchanged at \$165 and Farnham's have changed hands at Tls. 132 and Tls. 130. Kowloon Wharfs are steady at \$108. Sales are reported of Hongkong Wharfs at Tls. 230 at which rate more shares are wanted. Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have been booked at \$124. Kowloon Lands have found buyers at \$40 and West Point's Estate are inquired for at \$124.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos are reported sold at Tls. 48. We have heard of no business in other stocks.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have again been fixed at \$29. Bell's Asbestos has declined and are obtainable at \$64. China Providents are quoted at \$9 ex the dividend of 80 cents paid on the 22nd instant. Dairy Farms are easier with sellers at \$15½. There is no change in Electrics. A. S. Watsons have been sold at \$13 and Stearns Landries at \$6. William Powells are wanted at \$100. Sumatras are offering at Tls. 6½. Langkats are in demand at Tls. 230.

RAOB GOLD MINE.

MONTHLY REPORT.

The accompanying sheet of mine measurements and assay results of prospecting work shows a total of 36 ft. for the period (4 weeks) under review: made up of 7 ft. sinking, 52 ft. driving, and 302 ft. cross-cutting, against a total of 274 ft. for the previous four weeks.

AT KOMAN.

440 Level, Drive South:—This has been driven 12 ft., making a total of 101 ft. The lode, 33 in. wide, assays 2 dwt.

440 Level, Drive North:—Here 19 ft. has been driven, making a total of 90 ft. The lode, 56 in. wide, assays 2½ dwt. The improved appearance has continued, though the grade shows a falling off. In the back of the level stopping has been started on a lode 77 in. wide worth 5½ dwt.

240 Level, Drive South. This end has been advanced 13 ft., bringing the total to 713 ft. The lode, 32 in. wide, assays 2½ dwt.

Driving to the north has been continued to 21 ft.; the lode exposed in the 6 ft. drive averages 32 in. wide and is worth 3 dwt.

Crosscutting for slope filling.—244 ft. of this work has been done. The month has been an exceptionally wet one, preventing us from passing the necessary surface waste into the mine; hence an increased footage and cost.

Stopes.—Ore has been won from the following:—

Above the 342 level (2) lode 111 in. wide and worth 3 dwt.

Above the 240 level (3) lode 91 in. wide and worth 6 dwt.

Above the 140 level (1) lode 39 in. wide and worth 5 dwt.

No. 1 Level, Crosscut West.—This has been extended 18 ft., making the total 181 ft.

The stope in the back of the No. 2 level has yielded 120 tons from a lode 60 in. wide worth 7 dwt. This has been treated at Koman.

Main Shaft.—This has been sunk 7 ft., bringing the total to 173 ft. This depth provides us with a useful sump; so sinking operations have been suspended.

160 Level, Crosscut East.—To this has been added 40 ft., making a total of 60 ft. The ground has continued hard. We expect, from the small amount of data to hand, to intersect the lode at about 70 ft. From the surface 398 tons have been sent to the mill worth 31 dwt.

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

The electric bell has needed a lot of attention. Repairs to pipe line at the power station caused a stoppage of 7½ hrs of all works.

The small tonnage treated and short run made by the Huntington mill at St. Malacca is accounted for by the non-arrival of spares ordered in August last.

MILLING RETURNS.

At Malacca.

No. 1 mill ran 31 days, crushing 163 tons 1½ in. surface ore.

Total tons crushed: 323, yielding 580z, smelted gold = 3.59 dwt.

At Koman.

Stamps working: 40.
Period of work: 26½ days.
Ore milled: Koman 2,975.
Stope 398 = Total 3,773 tons.
Total Amalgam: 1,610 oz. producing 534.18 oz. smelted gold.

Average fineness of bullion: 915.04.
Average value of yield: 3.16 dwt.
Average value of tailings: 1.33 dwt.

W. H. MARTIN,

Gen. Manager.

To-day's Advertisements.

DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF H.R.H. PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

EXCLUSIVE of such private arrangements as are indicated in His Excellency's Letter of the 12th December 1905, and of any others which may be subsequently arranged, the proposals of the Reception Committee are:—
1. That HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS should on landing be received by the Reception Committee at Blake Pier, which shall be suitably decorated; that he should receive an Address of Welcome; and that Addresses should also be presented by the Chinese Community and by the Japanese Residents.

2. That the arrangements for SATURDAY, February 10th, should be as follows:—
(a) In order to give HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS and Party as good a view as possible of the Island, that they should proceed in the morning by launch to Deep Water Bay where they will be entertained at a small lunch by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, at the Club House.

3. Should HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS be disposed to play or to witness a round of Golf, the necessary arrangements will be made.

(b) That HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS and party should proceed after lunch by chair over the hill by way of Happy Valley to the Polo Ground where they will be entertained by the Polo Club, and arrangements will be made for a game of Polo, if desired.

(c) That HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS and Party should dine with the Chinese Community, in the KO SHING THEATRE, and afterwards view the decorations in the Chinese quarter, proceeding thence to the Parade Ground, where a Khattak and Baluch Band will be given by the 12th Duke of Connaught's Own, Baluchis.

(d) That the European quarter of the town should be illuminated during the evening.

3. Arrangements having been made by the Jockey Club to hold the annual Race Meeting on the 12th, 13th and 14th February, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS will be invited to attend on the 12th and 13th. The Reception Committee propose that a Ball should be given by the Colony in general on the evening of the 12th February.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1906. [161]

CONNAUGHT RECEPTION.

IN VIEW of the approaching visit of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS to the Colony, Owners and Occupiers of Buildings in the City of Victoria are invited to illuminate their houses on the evening of the 10th February next, especially buildings in the following streets:—
Queen's Road from Beaconsfield Arcade (inclusive) to the Ko Shing Theatre, Bonham Street West, Wing Lok Street, Des Vaux Road, Chater Road and Waddell Street.

Residents on the upper levels and the Peak facing the Harbour are especially requested to illuminate their houses on the evening of the 10th February by placing a Red Lantern in each Window and in their Verandah.

C. F. H. BEAVIS,
Hon. Secretary, Reception Committee.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1906. [162]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company at Queen's Buildings, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the Sixteenth day of February, 1906, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the subjoined special Resolutions. Should the said Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions at a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 25th day of January, 1906.
By Order of the Board,
JAMES WHITTALL,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner:—

The following Article shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:—130. The Board, through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company as from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders, at each of the Ordinary Meetings of the Company, together with a Report on the general position of the Company.

2.—That the Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company as from the 1st day of May, 1905, to the 31st day of December, 1905, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders, as to the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905 shall be called for by or presented to the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted. [163]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1906. [164]

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED".....	27th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON".....	6th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEENKAI".....	13th "

HOMeward.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"STENTOR".....	30th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"PATROCLUS".....	13th February.
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"ACHILLES".....	27th "
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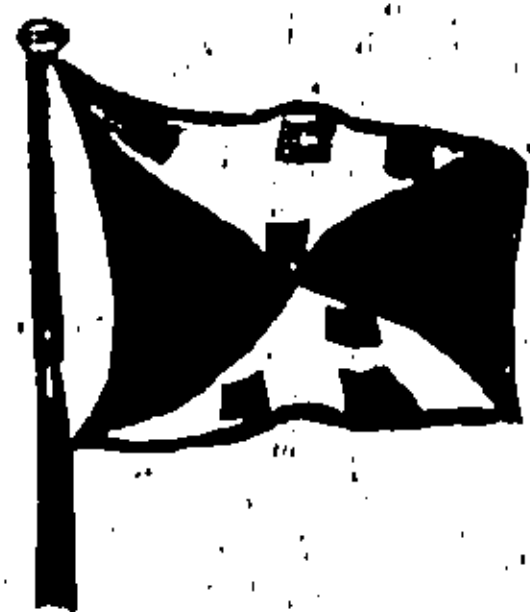
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MANILA	"TEAN".....	30th January.
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Ports, on or about the 10th February.The Steamer has splendid accommodation for
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Shawmut.....9,606 E. V. Roberts 29th Jan.

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Steamship	About
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"PATHAN".....27th January.

"ST. GEORGE".....15th February.

"SHIMOSA".....to follow.

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1906.

Notice of Firm.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

DURING my temporary absence from the
Colon, Mr. B. MORI will take charge
of this Office.A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1906.

Consignees.

S.S. "SALAZIE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex
s.s. Dardogne, from Havre ex s.s. Dor-
dagne, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. Frederik
Mori, in connection with above Steamer, are
hereby informed that their Goods, with the ex-
ception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables
are being landed and stored at their risk
into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon,
whence delivery may be obtained im-
mediately after landing.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before 5 P.M., TO-DAY, requesting it to be
landed here.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after
TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 30th January, or they will not be re-
cognised.All damaged packages will be examined on
TUESDAY, the 30th January, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1906.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after 12 o'clock, Noon, the 27th instant,
will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"CEYLON,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out. Mark by Mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., ex s.s. Peshawar and
Samah.Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
Noon, TO-DAY.Goods not cleared by the 27th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees
and the Company's representative at an ap-
pointed hour.All claims must be presented within ten days
of the steamer's arrival here after which date
they cannot be recognised.No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1906.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PREUSSEN,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Com-
pany, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may
be obtained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 9 A.M.,
TO-MORROW.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject
to rent.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on WEDNESDAY, 24th instant, at
9.30 A.M.All Claims must reach us before the 30th
instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1906.

Intimation.

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CABLE ADDRESS.—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China
Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon,
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The daily is recommended as more generally
suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or
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The Hongkong Telegraph is the best
medium for advertising in China. It circulates
largely among all classes of the community,
is the largest daily newspaper and has a
wider circulation than any journal in the Far
East.Special attention given to effectively display-
ing advertisements.The type used as a standard for setting
advertisements is similar to this, unless we are
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any effective style of type will be adopted
This standard runs exactly eight lines to the
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Notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages
\$1 each insertion in the Daily and Weekly.

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Special Rates for standing advertisements
can be ascertained from the Manager.Advertisements for the Daily should reach
the Hongkong Telegraph Office not later than
noon of the day they are intended to appear.Unless otherwise specified all advertisements
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SINGAPORE AND THE DOLLAR.

At the meeting of the Singapore Legislative Council on the 19th inst. the Hon. Mr. A. Huttenbach asked the following questions:

(1) "Will the Government, in the face of their opinion as stated by His Excellency regarding speculative rises of exchange, take such steps as are in their power to prevent and arrest the evil complained of, and if not, why not?"

(2) "Do the Government intend to consider whether it would not be just to grant compensation to the sterling-paid members of the Civil Service for the rise in exchange, in so far, and only for such portion thereof, as it is solely due to Government action affecting the currency?"

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied to the first question that he was afraid the answer would be an unsatisfactory one. He could only inform Mr. Huttenbach that at the present moment Government were not prepared to make any statement. He was also afraid his second answer would be an unsatisfactory one to Mr. Huttenbach. Government were not prepared to admit that their sterling-paid officers had any claim to compensation for losses caused by exchange rise. He added when the price was fixed things might be expected to adjust themselves and the present inconvenience removed.

THE RISE IN SILVER.

Quite apart from the rise in local dollar values due to the continued operation of restriction, the *Singapore Free Press* says the present stiffening in bar silver prices is the subject of frequent comment in the financial articles at home. The City column of the Sunday Times (Dec 17) has this:

For some time past the price of silver has been remarkably firm. At first sight it may seem only reasonable that silver should participate in the present metal boom, but this is only a superficial aspect. Silver is not one of the metals affected by industrial requirements, for its employment in manufacture is small compared with the monetary demand, and the latter, in consequence, practically controls the price. And here we touch upon the unexpected in the recent rise. With Mexico the Straits Settlements, the Philippines, and even China establishing, or preparing to disestablish, the white metal as a monetary standard, nothing seemed less likely than an advance in the monetary demand. Yet such is the perversity of silver that it is just the improbable thing which always happens. Many factors have contributed to this, but three have been especially operative. In the first place, India, where silver was disestablished years ago, continues to import nearly as much of the metal as before the closing of the mints. It may be objected that this demand is only in part for money purposes, and this is true; but then its use for ornament is still based on the persistent belief of the natives that silver is a money metal. In the second place, the Far Eastern war has led to a large demand for Manchuria, which, since the conclusion of peace, has extended to Korea. Finally, there is China, which has started coining silver in place of bronze for its ten-million millions. This explains the past movement in the price of the white metal, but the question now is what the future will bring. This is difficult to forecast because of the aforementioned perversity of silver. But there are a few factors which can exercise a potent influence on the price movement. To begin with, there is production. This has been nearly stationary for the last decade, with a slight upward trend toward the end of the period, as shown in the following table:

Year	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
Production	46,170,000	47,400,000	44,400,000	46,700,000	46,700,000
Consumption	1,000	1,001	1,001	1,003	1,004
Balance	45,170,000	46,400,000	43,400,000	45,700,000	45,700,000

For the present, therefore, we may regard production as a stationary factor. Passing on to consumption, we may take it that the special demand for Manchuria will cease in time. But China looks like becoming a still larger buyer, and it is quite impossible to gauge the extent and strength of the demand. There is, however, one factor which for a considerable time will prevent any really considerable rise in the price of silver, and that is Mexico. That country has changed its monetary policy, has closed its mints to the free coinage of silver, and has "fixed" the exchange at about 24½, which is equal to a silver price of 29½. At this figure Mexico can part with dollars in exchange for gold, and though she is under no urgency, there is no doubt that she will lose no favourable opportunity of increasing her gold holdings in such manner. Indeed, she has already made a beginning, having recently taken \$4,000,000 gold from New York in exchange for her pesos. It was only in deference to the strong representation that a continuance of the operation at present would seriously disturb the New York, and indirectly the European, money markets that she called a halt, but she will start again in the new year. In this way about \$15,000,000 stored silver will be set free by exchange against gold at anything over 300, and the supply seems large enough to keep the price from rising much beyond that figure for some time to come, even though the demand may continue strong. If the demand should, on the other hand, fall off, there is no special check on a decline which will only be arrested by a readjustment of the equation with supply at a lower figure.

Shipping.

Arrivals.
Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, A. E. Hodgins, 24th Jan.—Foonchow 21st Jan., Amoy 22nd, and Swatow 23rd, Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Haimung, Br. s.s., 616, A. I. Robson, 25th Jan.—Swatow 24th Jan., Ballast—D. L. & Co.
Dehli, Br. s.s., 8,050, J. D. Andrews, R.M.R., 25th Jan.—London 20th Jan., and Singapore 20th Jan., Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Koonching, Br. s.s., 1,133, R. Anderson, 25th Jan.—Nubia and Chinkiang 20th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Oreana, Br. s.s., 3,507, W. Hayward, R.M.R., 26th Jan.—Shanghai 23rd Jan., Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 717, Suzon, 25th Jan.—Haiphong and Hoihow 24th Jan., Gen.—A. R. M.
Achilles, Br. s.s., 4,183, R. G. Thompson, 24th Jan.—Singapore 18th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Departures.
Jan. 25.
Austria, for Shanghai.
Anping Maru, for Swatow.
Jan. 26.
Manchuria, for San Francisco.
Delhi, for Shanghai.
Fooking, for Swatow.
Koonching, for Canton.

Passengers arrived.
Per Achilles, from Singapore—101 Chinese.
Per Hatching, from Coast Ports—Miss Gordon, Messrs. S. Bard, A. Hinmouth and Endie.
Per Delhi, for Hongkong from London—Messrs. W. Cameron and Turner. From Gibraltar—Mrs. T. Jennings and 1 children. Private Peckham, and Sir Jacques. From Port Said—Seret and Mrs. Thompson, and child. From Colombo—Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Col. Turner, Mrs. Bings, child and infant. Master and Mrs. Tushy and 4 children, Messrs. Messrs. Mondkut, Vasconcellos, Messrs. D. M. Mistry, Gargoon, Hamel and 1 native. From Penang—Mr. and Mrs. Slicker, Messrs. P. Penang, Hughes, Jamieson, P. Walker, Capt. Toke, Messrs. Yoke-yama, Makaki, Mrs. Schieco, Mr. and Mrs. Sching, Haen, Messrs. Kohara, T. Yimani, S. Okamoto, Mrs. Wye Sang, Messrs. Adler and J. Verecki. For Shanghai from London—Messrs. Blake, Whyte, and Mr. and Mrs. Little. From Marseilles—Dr. and Mrs. Wilde, Messrs. Middleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Fung Vee, infant, 2 children and 2 servants, Messrs. L. Chueh, Ching, Cheow Wah See, J. West, Toyama, Yoshitani Skidada, D. Matsumoto, K. Yamamoto, Woods and Otom. 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